
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

Organ Transplantation

SOP 8.22

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Purpose: Describes review and evaluation processes for consideration of organ transplantation for detained undocumented migrants.

The Division of Immigration Health Services will consider organ transplantation for detained undocumented migrants in accordance with the following procedures:

- A. The Clinical Director will assess the medical need and indication for organ transplantation in a detainee. Pre-Authorization will be requested with details of detainee INS status for specialty evaluation. Once approved by the DIHS Medical Director, a specialist will be consulted, who will render an opinion as to the detainee's medical candidacy for transplantation.
- B. If the Clinical Director recommends further evaluation after input from the specialist, a pre-authorization for evaluation by a transplant center will be initiated for DIHS Medical Director review. Clinical Directors should include consultant opinion and laboratory data with the pre-authorization.
- C. Once approved by the Medical Director or designee, the detainee will be sent to an appropriate facility, such as a transplant center in the vicinity of the SPC or institution.
- D. The transplant facility will perform an evaluation for transplant suitability. If the detainee is deemed suitable, the facility transplant team will send the pertinent medical, surgical, and psychological documentation for the DIHS Medical Director's consideration.
- E. If the Medical Director determines that organ transplantation is medically indicated the file will be presented to the DIHS Director for approval.
- F. If approved; the detainee will be referred to the transplant center in accordance with INS policy, transplant center regulations, and state and federal laws. All INS security issues regarding referral must be resolved with INS concurrence prior to transport for organ transplantation.